I-Search Paper

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date assigned: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**East Asia**: China and its Neighbors

To write an I-Search paper, you pick a subject to which you have a personal connection, and write about it from a personal point of view. Your paper will consist of three major parts:

**¶1 The story of your search** This section tells readers what you knew about your subject before you began your research, what you wanted to know, and the research steps you went through to find out what you wanted to know—including both the steps that led to useful information and the steps that turned out to be dead ends.

**¶2 What you learned** In this section, you give readers the results of your search—both the answers you found and the answers you did not find. Include pictures and graphics if applicable.

**¶3 Your reflections on the search** You use this final section to tell readers what the experience has taught you about conducting and documenting a search. (Be sure to document your sources! Tell where you found your information!)

**Topics relating to East Asia** (Choose one!)

* Why is the rose of sharon a valued flower in Korea?
* What is a typical wedding ceremony like in Japan?
* What is the state of homelessness in Japan?
* What is the significance of Japanese names, including the family, surname, and given name?
* What traditions are common in Japanese tea ceremonies?
* What is the symbolism of Godzilla from the 1954 film and how does it relate to Japanese history?
* How has Confucianism influenced Japanese thought and culture?
* Explore the celebration of the Dragon festival. Why is it important and what takes place?
* What serious environmental issues does China face today? What are they doing about them?
* [](http://images.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://z.about.com/d/taoism/1/0/0/-/-/-/yinYang.gif&imgrefurl=http://taoism.about.com/od/visualsymbols/ig/Taoist-Symbols/Yin-Yang-Symbol.--jj.htm&usg=__2bHMr6uU-AZgA1-Svf2TvuqA-F8=&h=466&w=466&sz=9&hl=en&start=1&um=1&tbnid=5pxTOOouA-FdaM:&tbnh=128&tbnw=128&prev=/images?q=yin+yang&hl=en&rlz=1T4ADBS_enUS316US316&sa=N&um=1)How is the government of Mongolia organized?
* What can be found in the University of Hong Kong’s Museum and Art Gallery?
* Who was Genghis Khan and what was his legacy?
* What are the two sides of the Three Gorges Dam controversy?
* What is acupuncture and how has it evolved in China?
* How does China make its own weather in light of climate changes?
* What dinosaurs have been found in East Asia?
* Describe Emperor Shi Huangdi and what extreme actions did he take during his reign?
* [](http://www.aperfectworld.org/clipart/places/china.png)What is China’s examination system and how exactly does it work?
* Who was Marco Polo and what were his ties to China?
* Describe the voyages of Zheng He and how he allowed China to see the world.
* Where can one visit the famous communist leader Mao Zedong?
* In what ways is Hong Kong an important world city?
* What are some little-known Chinese inventions?
* Why is Empress Wu an important leader in Chinese history? Describe her leadership.

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| Humanities Rubric | | | | |
| Assignment Description:  I-Search Paper on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Minimal  1 | Developing  2 | Adequate  3 | Excellent  4 |
| Criterion A: Knowledge | | | | |
| I have written a paper that clearly demonstrates that I have gained knowledge through research from credible sources. (¶3) |  |  |  |  |
| I have documented (or cited) those sources by mentioning them in my paragraphs. (¶3) |  |  |  |  |
| My sources are documented using parenthetical documentation (or in-text citation) and I include a Works Cited at the end of the paper. | 5 points Extra Credit. | | |  |
| I have written an essay in well-developed paragraphs thoroughly explaining the topic of my choice. |  |  |  |  |
| I use accurate facts, details, and examples from my research to develop my essay. (¶2) |  |  |  |  |
| Criterion B: Concepts | | | | |
| I have applied the concept of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ being studied by explaining it with rich details. |  |  |  |  |
| I have described the research process I used to find out what I wanted and needed to know. (¶1) |  |  |  |  |
| Criterion D: Organization and Presentation | | | | |
| I followed the directions as described on the assignment sheet and organized my I-search paper as prescribed. |  |  |  |  |
| An appropriate title is included on the paper. |  |  |  |  |
| Product is colorful with pictures and words. |  |  |  |  |
| [http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:JFC0bMckOhhsAM:http://www.photoshop-dragon.com/Tutorials/Art/Images/shiny-satin-metal-emblem/dragon-clip-art.png](http://images.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.photoshop-dragon.com/Tutorials/Art/Images/shiny-satin-metal-emblem/dragon-clip-art.png&imgrefurl=http://www.photoshop-dragon.com/Tutorials/Art/Shiny-Satin-Metal-Emblem.htm&usg=__xLd9EjBVfbW6dSg3dZJ1kgPq6Ic=&h=800&w=800&sz=32&hl=en&start=4&um=1&tbnid=JFC0bMckOhhsAM:&tbnh=143&tbnw=143&prev=/images?q=dragon+clip+art&hl=en&rlz=1T4ADBS_enUS316US316&um=1)Student name and class period attached. |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL |  | | | |